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by deleting all language after the caption and substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, suicide is the second-leading cause of death for Tennesseans between the ages of ten and eighteen; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the third-leading cause of death for Tennesseans between the ages of ten and nineteen; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the third-leading cause of death for Tennesseans between the ages of ten and twenty-four; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, there were 142 youth deaths by suicide, representing the ten to twenty-four age group, with fifty-one of these representing children between the ages of ten to seventeen. Suicide by children increased by 24.4 percent from 2016 to 2017; and more alarmingly, suicide by children increased by 54.5 percent from 2015 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, nationally, suicide rates among youth ages fifteen to twenty-four have increased more than 200 percent in the last fifty years; and

WHEREAS, while no single suicide prevention effort is enough or appropriate, identification of at-risk youth before suicidal behavior emerges is crucial in combating teen suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is not only a mental health issue, but it is also a public health issue; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the General Assembly recognize teen suicide as a health crisis in

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Tennessee and acknowledge the need for prevention, research, and support for systems to address this crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Tennessee Department of Health;